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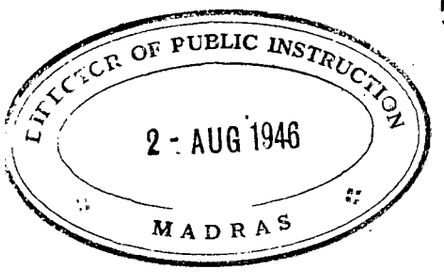

THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION,
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
M A D R A S .

MEMORIAL SUBMITTED BY THE PARISHIONERS OF THE SHIRVA PARISH, SHIRVA VILLAGE, UDIPI TALUK, SOUTH KANARA.

THROUGH

MR. L. C. PAIS, B.A., B.L., M.L.A.,
Parliamentary Secretary
Local Ministries

Sir,

The village of Shirva is the biggest Revenue Village in the South Kanara District paying an annual assessment of more than Rs18,000 and has a population of nearly 7000. The Catholic Church is situated at Manchakal, which is the centre of the Shirva village and is the junction of 3 main roads. The Shirva Parish is the biggest in the Mangalore Diocese with nearly 6,500 parishioners residing in Shirva and the adjoining villages of Sooda, Kuthyar and Yellur. From 1919, the Church authorities are running the Don Bosco's Higher Elementary School which, at present, has nearly 600 pupils on its rolls. Till June 1943 the nearest High Schools from Shirva were at Udipi on the north, Mulki on the south-west and Karkal on the south-east. All those schools are situated more than 10 miles from Shirva. Realising the need for a boys' high school at Shirva and goaded on by the representations made by the members of all the communities the Vicar, Rev. Fr. H. Gonsalves had sent up an application to the

Director of Public Instruction through the District Educational Officer in July 1942 praying for permission to open such a High School in the Church compound. That application was returned from the Office of the Divisional Inspector, Coimbatore, with the endorsement that it was presented too early for a school that could be opened only in June 1943, and that it could be renewed in 1943. Accordingly the Vicar had sent up a similar application in January 1943. At about the same time the management of the then newly opened Higher Elementary School at Innanje had sent up an application for permission to raise that school to a Boys' High School. Though that school is situated more than 6 miles from Manchakal, permission was granted to its management to raise it to a Boys' High School, while the application of our Vicar was rejected.

By submitting petitions and making oral representations the leading members of all the communities in Shirva and our Vicar had repeatedly tried to convince the Educational Authorities that the newly opened High School at Innanje could not adequately supply the need for a High School at Shirva, that the boys residing in and to the south of Manchakal and the villages adjoining Shirva on the south, east and west could not possibly attend ~~to~~ the Innanje school and that the opening of a High School at Shirva could not possibly adversely affect the High School at Innanje. Unfortunately all those attempts had proved unsuccessful. The reasons for rejecting the aforesaid applications of our Vicar submitted to the Director of Public Instruction in 1943 to 1945 have not been disclosed.

Not expecting to get the needed sanction to start the Boys' High School at Shirva our Vicar had applied for permission to start atleast a High School for Girls with the hope that he would get permission to admit therein atleast some boys without age restriction and that in course of time he would get the necessary permission to convert it into a mixed school and thereby make that school a success. After his application was granted he had opened the Secondary School for Girls in June 1944. In 1944-'45 there were only 46 girls and 26 boys in that school. By the end of March 1945 it was found that there was no scope for a Girls' High School at Shirva unless permission was granted to admit atleast an equal number of boys. The manager's application for the grant of such permission was rejected in May 1945. It was, therefore, found impossible to open the IV Form in the Girls' High School in 1945.

The following Table sets out the number of boys and girls in the VI to VIII standards of the Don Bosco's Higher Elementary School from 1940 to 1946.

Standard.	1940.		1941.		1942.		1943.		1944.		1945.		1946.	
	Bs.	Gls.	Bs.	Gls.	Bs.	Gls.	Bs.	Gls.	Bs.	Gls.	Bs.	Gls.	Bs.	Gls.
VI	41	12	44	20	53	10	70	28	57	22	52	26	52	26
VII	28	11	18	5	39	15	27	5	50	3	44	11	40	9
VIII	13	6	22	11	23	7	13	11	19	0	26	4	23	4

From the above Table it is seen that very few girls continue their studies after the VI Standard. The reason is that in the villages most of the girls are married

between the ages of 14 and 15 and automatically discontinue their studies. Some years back the District Board had to close down its school for girls at Shirva as it was found impossible to run that school for want of sufficient strength. The following extracts from the Inspection Reports of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools, VI Circle, Calicut, show clearly that there is no scope for the continuance of a girls high school at Shirva.

Report dated 1-3-1945:-

"This is a school in a very backward area. There is no high school for boys in Shirva, the nearest being in Innanje which is about 6 miles from Shirva. As such, the desire of the public is that the boys should be provided for before the girls and unless admission of boys is permitted there is no scope for the continued existence of the girls' school,etc

Report dated 18-3-1946:-

"It does not seem possible for the manager to continue this school solely with a strength of girls. The strength of the three forms is very uneconomic. If there is no scope for increased enrolment in Form I, the retention of the Girls' School, even as a middle school, will be a financial problem to the Manager. There is a great difficulty in obtaining suitable teachers in Shirva. Such unsatisfactory condition cannot be allowed from year to year."

At the end of the scholastic year 1945-1946 the number of pupils in the first to the third forms of the Girls' Secondary School run by the Church were as follows:-

Form	Girls.	Boys.
I	6	2
II	12	5
III	9	1
	27	8

of the aforesaid pupils all the boys have to be sent away as they will be over 12 years by next June. There will accordingly be not more than 25 students in all the 5 forms in ~~next~~ June. At the interview which our Vicar and Mr. L. C. Pais had with the Director of B.A., Public Instruction in Mangalore, on 23-4-1946 the latter appears to have suggested that the girls in the 6th, 7th and 8th standards of the Don Bosco's Higher Elementary School could be prevailed upon to join the Secondary School thereby securing the minimum number of 45 students required under the Educational Rules for a Girl's' Secondary School. Inspite of the best efforts of our Vicar and the management of the Don Bosco's Higher Elementary School it has not been possible to prevail on the parents of the girls in the VI, VII and VIII standards of that school to divert those girls to the secondary school classes as they are unwilling to pay the heavier fees levied in the latter school. Realising that it was impossible to run the secondary school for girls without incurring heavy financial loss to the management and to the Government our Vicar had applied in 1945 and 1946 for permission to convert the Girls' Secondary School to a Boys' Secondary School or, in the alternative, to close the girls' school and open a secondary school for boys. His applications were rejected. His attempts to get the needed permission to admit atleast an equal number of boys into the Girls' Secondary School without age restriction had also been unsuccessful though there is a rule which empowers ~~permits~~ the Educational Authorities to grant such permission.

During the recruitment campaign in this District

in 1940 to 1945, Shirva was one of the leading recruitment centres. Repeated representations had been made by the Catholics of Shirva to the recruiting officers that they were most anxious to have a Boys' High School started at Manchakal and had informed them of their unsuccessful efforts to secure the needed sanction for such a school on account of the unreasonable opposition of the management of the Innanje High School. After the termination of the War, at the suggestion of C. L. Lobo, B.A., B.L., Vakil, Mangalore, who was the Welfare Officer, some of the ex-military men had sent up a petition to the Provincial Soldiers', Sailors and Airmen's Board, Madras, praying of its Secretary to recommend to the Educational Authorities to grant the necessary sanction to start a Boys' High School at Shirva. In that application the Secretary of the aforesaid Board had addressed the Secretary of the Education Department strongly recommending the opening of such a High School in Shirva. A copy of that letter is enclosed herein for your kind perusal.

After the aforesaid recommendations, it was expected that the Director of Public Instruction would reconsider his prior orders rejecting the applications of our Vicar to convert the High School for Girls at Shirva to a Boys' High School or, in the alternative, to close the Girls' High School and to open a Boys' High School. As he was the only applicant ~~in~~ 1942 to 1945 from Shirva village we had thought that if sanction was to be accorded, it would naturally be only to him. Accordingly, in last January he had commenced the construction of the building for a Boys' High School on the foundation put up a year

earlier. During his recent visit to Shirva the Director of Public Instruction was shown that building and the materials got ready for its completion within the next few months. snap of that building is annexed hereto. We have already spent more than Rs3,000 and have purchased materials at a cost exceeding Rs2,000. The Church and the parishioners have invested those large sums on the reasonable expectation that on account of the aforesaid strong recommendation by the Provincial Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Board, the Director of Public Instruction would grant permission to our Vicar atleast this year to convert the Girls' High School into a Boys' High School.

In last February we learnt with great surprise that some of the Bunts of Shirva and the surrounding villages had got a Nadavar's Sangha recently registered and that its Secretary had, for the first time, sent up an application to the Director of Public Instruction for permission to open a High School for boys at Shirva. We learn with consternation and great regret that the Director of Public Instruction has allowed his application and has rejected that of our Vicar who has been running a Higher Elementary School since 1919. We are informed that the reasons which had led the Director of Public Instruction to prefer the former application to the latter have not been communicated to our Vicar. We beg leave to point out emphatically that since 1942 our Vicar has been ~~annually~~ every year applying to the Director of Public Instruction for permission to open a Boys' High School at Shirva and after 1945 has, in the alternative, been applying to convert the Girls' High School to a Boys' High School. The Secretary of the Nadavar Sangha has not till now acquired either of the sites shown by him to the Director

of Public Instruction, as those on which he proposed to put up the High School buildings if sanction was granted to him. On 9-6-1944 he, and several other leading Hindu residents of Shirva, Pilar, Kuthyar and Suda villages had sent up a petition to the Director of Public Instruction strongly supporting the application submitted by our Vicar to open a High School for boys in Shirva to be run by the Church authorities. A copy of that application is enclosed herein for your kind perusal. The Hindu Higher Elementary School at Manchakal, to which the Director of Public Instruction was taken during his visit to Shirva in last April, was only an elementary school till June 1945. Its total strength is not even 300. It has not got even the VIII standard till now. When the need and scope for a boys' high school at Manchakal were recognised this year, we submit that due consideration had to be given to the attempts of our Vicar from 1942 to get the needed sanction to start such a school. We have shown above from facts and figures that it is impossible to run the Girls' High School at Shirva with any reasonable hope of making it a success. We understand that the Secretary of the Nadavar Sangha has been permitted to start a Secondary School for boys without imposing any restrictions on the admission of girls. In consequence there is every likelihood that some of the girls now attending, and those who might have joined the Secondary School for girls run by our Church authorities, will seek admission in the Boys' High School thereby depleting the meagre strength of our school. When our repeated requests to admit at least some boys without age restriction in the Girls' Secondary Schoo

have been summarily rejected notwithstanding the strong recommendations of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools in 1944 and 1945 when the nearest Boys' High School was at Innanje, more than 5 miles from our Secondary School for girls, it is surprising and highly ~~unjust~~ inequitable that no restrictions have been placed at all on the admission of girls in the newly sanctioned Boys' High School at Shirva.

At our request our Vicar and Mr. L. C. Pais, our representative in the Legislative Assembly, had interviewed the Director of Public Instruction at Mangalore to place before him all the aforesaid facts and to urge our claims to priority over the application submitted by the Secretary of the Nadavar Sangha. We are informed that at that interview the Director of Public Instruction had said that the Hindus of Shirva had represented to him that the management of the schools run by the Shirva Church authorities were trying to proselytize some of the Hindu students. We emphatically deny that there has been any such attempt on the part of the Church authorities or of the teachers of the Church schools. There are several Hindu teachers teaching in the Don Bosco's Higher Elementary School. The Headmistress of the Girls' Secondary School is a Hindu ~~lady~~. We are further informed that the Director of Public Instruction had also remarked to the deputationists that the Hindus of Shirva were objecting to the granting of the permission to the Church authorities to run a High School for boys as the High School building, which we were putting up, was situated in the Church compound. It is true that we ~~were~~ are constructing the building in the Church compound but the Church is at a distance of more than 300 yards from the

new building, which is surrounded by extensive open play-grounds on its three sides. We had shown the situation of the Church and the new building to the Director of Public Instruction during his visit to Shirva in April. The aforesaid remarks of the Director of Public Instruction lead us to the reasonable apprehension that the Hindus of Shirva have represented to the Director of Public Instruction that they are not willing to send their children to a school run by our Church authorities, and that the Director of Public Instruction has accepted those representations as one of the main grounds for rejecting our Vicar's aforesaid application dated ~~16-3-1945~~ 16-1-46 for the conversion of the Girls' Secondary School to a Boys' High School. We have no objection at all to the Hindus running a Secondary School for their children.

We presume that you are aware that under the Canon Law, by which we are governed as our personal Law, we are bound to send our children only to Catholic schools. To enable us to discharge that obligation the Government of Madras has, by its G.O.No.Misc.104, Education, dated 15th January 1929, given the Catholics the right of starting separate schools for their children even in places where there is no scope for two separate schools provided there is a reasonable number of Catholic children to attend such a school. According to the 1941 Census the Shirva parish has a Catholic population of 5,995. Within ~~the~~ 5 miles of the Shirva Church are the parish Churches of Belman, (Catholics 2738), Kenha, (Catholics 829) Pangal (Catholics 1423) and Belle, (Catholics 2958) The total Catholic population of the

five parishes is 13,943. The Belman, Pangal and Belle parishes are running 4 Higher Elementary Schools with 1500 students on their rolls The Shirva parish is running the Don Bosco's Higher Elementary School from 1919, ~~with~~ it has now nearly 600 students on its rolls. Most of the students in the aforesaid 5 Higher Elementary Schools are Catholics who are anxious to continue their studies up to the S. S. L. C. Class. From 1940 to 1945 a large number of Catholic students from the aforesaid 5 Higher Elementary Schools have joined the Catholic High Schools at Kallyanpur and Mangalore. There is, therefore, ample scope for a good Catholic High School at Shirva which is the seat of the Vicar Forane of the Udipi South Division of the Mangalore Diocese. As members of a minority community we, therefore, appeal to you to consider the aforesaid facts and circumstances and, recognising our just claims to have a separate ~~Literate~~ High School for Catholics at Shirva, direct the Director of Public Instruction, on the basis of the aforesaid G.O. to grant us permission to convert the Girls Secondary Sch at Shirva to a Boys' High School restricting admissions if necessary, only to Catholic students.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

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To

The Director of Public Instructio

Humble representation of the inhabitants of Shirva, Philar. Kuthyar and Suda villages in the Udipi Taluk, South Kanara District.

Dated 9-6-44.

Honourable Sir,

We, the public of Shirva, Philar, Kuthyar and Suda, most humbly beg to place before you the following facts for your kind perusal and consideration:-

1. That Shirva village is the biggest village in South Kanara paying an annual assessment of more than ₹18,000/- with a population of nearly 7000 people and an area of 5 by 4 miles. Shirva is having a leading Higher Elementary School with a strength of 650 children and a dozen elementary schools in it and in its suburbs with a total strength of more than 1200 children.

2. That Innanje High School is too far for the students of Shirva and its northern, eastern and southern suburbs Though the western extremity of Shirva is 4 miles from Innanje, the greater bulk of students that might attend Innanje High School have to walk out more than 6 miles the eastern end of Shirva being 8 miles from Innanje.

3. That the students actually attending Innanje High School have to start almost at sunrise from Shirva and reach home in the evenings half an hour after sunset. In consequence, the health of the students is greatly impaired, the enormous distance to and fro every class day being the primary cause. This can be ascertained from the students themselves.

4. That the Innanje High School will not suffer in its strength, it being situated nearer to the coastline where the percentage of student population is high. In the place of having 4 or 5 divisions at its very start it can safely have 3 divisions in III Form and above and more in course of time. That it is entirely out of question to send our children to Innanje for I or II Form, the age and tender condition standing against the fact of covering more than 12 miles to and fro every day.

5. That presupposing no provision is at hand at Shirva, only students of a richer class can benefit by Innanje, whereas the poorer and middle-class students, who form the greater bulk of students in Shirva will have to go altogether without the advantage of secondary education. Richer class alone can afford hostel arrangements.

6. That we have no quarrel nor rivalry with Innanje and that Innanje High School can very well prosper and flourish without Shirva co-operation.

7. That we have heard with satisfaction that the Church authorities at Shirva have been granted permission to open a secondary school for girls in June 1944 and that the very Church authorities are prepared to run a secondary school for boys.

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In view of the facts, we, the undersigned most humbly pray Your Honour to kindly permit us to open a High School for boys in Shirva, which the Church authorities are prepared to do or for the present as an alternative to kindly pass orders to allow the boys of Shirva Philar, Kuthyar and Suda villages to seek admission in the newly to be started Shirva Secondary School for girls, which favour we will be very grateful to Your Honour.

We beg to remain,
Honourable Sir
Your obedient servants,

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No.66-N.

Madras Provincial Sailors' Soldiers' & Airmen's Board,
High Court Buildings,
G.T.Madras. 5th Feb.1946.

From

Major K. V. Sankunny Nair,
Secretary,
Madras Provincial Sailors, Soldiers, & Airmen's Board,

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TO

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARCHIBALD NYE,
GOVERNOR OF MADRAS,
M A D R A S

THROUGH

THE SECRETARY,
SOUTH KANARA DISTRICT SAILORS, SOLDIERS &
AIRMEN'S COMMITTEE, MANGALORE.

and

THE SECRETARY,
THE PROVINCIAL SAILORS, SOLDIERS & AIRMEN'S
BOARD, M A D R A S

May It Please Your Excellency,

We, the undersigned, for ourselves and on behalf of other Ex-Military-men, whose names are given in the annexed list, beg to bring the following facts to Your Excellency's kind notice with the earnest hope that you will direct the Hon'ble Minister for Education to grant our prayer.

We are all the residents of Shirva and the adjoining villages of the Udipi and Karkal Taluks of the South Kanara District. Shirva is the largest revenue village of the Coondapur Division of that District. The Catholic Church is situated at Manchakal, which is the centre of the Shirva village, and is the junction of three main roads. The Shirva Parish is the biggest in the Mangalore Diocese with nearly 6500 parishioners residing in Shirva and the adjoining villages of Sooda, Pilar, Kuthyar and Vellur. From 1919, the Church authorities are running the Don Bosco's Higher Elementary School which, at present, has nearly 600 pupils on its rolls. Till June 1943 the nearest High Schools from Shirva were at Udipi on the

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north, Mulki on the south-west and Karkal on the south-east, at a distance of more than 10 miles from Shirva. Realising the need for a Boys' High School at Shirva and urged on by the representations made by the members of all the communities our Vicar, Rev. Fr. H. Gonsalves, had sent up an application to the Director of Public Instruction, through the District Educational Officer in July 1942 praying for permission to open such a High School in the Church compound. That application was returned from the office of the Divisional Inspector, Coimbatore, with the endorsement that it was presented too early for a school that could be opened only in June 1943, and that it could be renewed in 1943. Accordingly our Vicar had sent up a similar application in January 1943. At about the same time the management of the then newly opened Higher Elementary School at Innanje, had sent up a similar application for permission to raise that school to a Boys' High School. Though that school is situated more than 6 miles from Manchakal, permission was granted to its management to raise it to a Boys' High School, while the application of our Vicar was rejected.

By submitting petitions and making oral representations the leading members of all the communities in Shirva and our Vicar had repeatedly tried to convince the Educational Authorities that the newly opened High School at Innanje could not adequately supply the need for a High School at Shirva, that the boys residing in and to the south of Manchakal, and the villages adjoining Shirva on the south, east and west could not possibly attend the Innanje school and that the opening of a High School at Shirva could not possibly affect the High School at Innanje. Unfortunately all those attempts had proved unsuccessful.

During the recruitment campaign in this district from 1940 to 1945 Shirva was one of the chief recruiting centres. All of us had joined the military service from Shirva and the surrounding villages. We had represented to the Recruiting Officers that we were anxious to have a Boys' High School opened at Shirva and that the repeated attempts of our Vicar to get the necessary sanction to start such a school had been unsuccessful due to the unreasonable opposition of the management of the High School at Innanje started only in 1942. The Recruiting Officers had assured us that they would make the necessary representations to the Educational Authorities and see that our request was granted. In May 1944 the Director of Public Instruction had permitted our Vicar to start only a Secondary School for girls. As we and the other parishioners of Shirva and the neighbouring parishes are more anxious to educate our boys than our girls, who are usually married before they are 16, the Secondary School for girls could not benefit us in any way. Accordingly we had sent petitions to our respective Commanders praying of them to communicate to the Director of Public Instruction our desire to have a Secondary School for boys at Shirva.

No steps were, however, taken to grant permission to our Vicar to convert the Girls Secondary School to a mixed Secondary School in which boys could be admitted without age restriction. Accordingly in last January we had sent a petition to the Secretary of the Provincial Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Board, Madras, through the Secretary of the District Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Committee. A copy of that petition is annexed hereto. When Sir Norman Strathie, K.C.I.E., I.C.S.,

the Adviser to Your Excellency's predecessor and the then President of the Provincial Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen's Board, Madras, had come to Mangalore in last January some of us had submitted a similar petition to him through our Vicar and our Welfare Officer, Mr. C. L. Lobo, B.A., B.L., and had represented to him the difficulties, which we were experiencing in getting our Church Secondary School for girls converted to a mixed school to enable us to educate our boys. After giving the deputationists a patient hearing he had assured them that on his return to Madras he would get into touch with the Adviser in charge of the Educational Department and see that our reasonable request was granted. As we had not received any communication from him for about a fortnight we had sent him by post a further petition, a copy of which is annexed hereto. Sometime later our Welfare Officer had received from the Secretary of the Provincial Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Board, Madras, a copy of the letter which he had addressed to the Secretary, Educational Department of the Government of Madras, strongly recommending the opening of a High School for boys at Shirva in recognition of the outstanding contribution which Shirva had made during the recruitment campaign. A copy of that letter is enclosed herein. By its resolution dated 20-2-1946 the District Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Committee, Mangalore, had recommended to the Director of Public Instruction, the request contained in our aforesaid petitions.

On the aforesaid recommendations we had expected that atleast this year the Director of Public Instruction would grant our Vicar permission to convert our Church High School

for girls to a mixed school thereby enabling us to educate our boys up to the S. S. L. C. Class. Accordingly in last January our Parish had commenced the construction of the building for a Boys' High School. A snap of that building in the course of construction is annexed hereto.

During his recent visit to Shirva the Director of Public Instruction was shown that building and the materials got ready for its completion within the next few months. Our Parish has already spent more than Rs3,000 and have purchased materials at a cost exceeding Rs2,000. The Church and the parishioners have invested those large sums on the reasonable expectation that on account of the aforesaid strong recommendation by the Provincial Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Board, the Director of Public Instruction would grant permission to our Vicar atleast this year to convert the Girls' High School to a Boys' High School.

At the end of March some of us had learnt that the Director of Public Instruction was visiting Shirva on the 10th of April to inspect the Don Bosco's Higher Elementary School and the Girls' Secondary School run by our Church. Accordingly on that day many of us had gathered in the Church compound in our uniforms expecting him to question us about our petitions to ascertain whether we had any representations to make to him in connection therewith. Though he had seen us lined up at the head of the procession formed to receive him near the entrance to the Church compound and we had given the military salute he had not spoken to us at all and had not put any questions to us regarding our

aforesaid petitions. We now learn with deep regret that he has rejected our Vicar's application to convert the Church Secondary School for Girls to a mixed School and has permitted the recently registered Nadavar Sangha to open such a Secondary School within half a mile of the Church compound.

We beg to submit to Your Excellency that in response to the call for recruits it was mostly, if not entirely, the Roman Catholics of Shirva and the surrounding villages that had joined in large numbers, the combatant and non-combatant services during the war from the Shirva recruiting centre. This fact can be easily verified from the Registers of the District Recruitment Board. Many of us have seen active service in several battle fronts. Some of us were wounded. Some of us were prisoners-of-war in the German and Japanese camps and have undergone great hardships for the cause for which the British Empire and the United Nations had fought. In return for all the sacrifices we have made we have not been asking for any lands or monetary help from the Government. All that we have been praying for is that the Secondary School for girls, run by our Church, may be converted to a mixed Secondary School to enable us to educate our boys to the S. S. L. C. Class. We have, therefore, been greatly disappointed at the order of the Director of Public Instruction preferring the application of a Sangha, which had come forward for the first time this year with an application for permission to open a High school for boys, and whose members had done nothing for the War Effort.

Under the Canon Law, which applies to us as our personal Law, we are bound to send our children only to

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Sir,

We, the undersigned, for ourselves and on behalf of those who had enlisted during the War from the Shirva Recruiting Centre, seek your assistance to obtain the necessary sanction from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, for the opening of a Boys' High School at Shirva. We feel confident that you are aware that Shirva was one of the best recruiting centres in our District and that more than 250 men had joined the various branches of the Combatant and non-Combatant services from Shirva and surrounding villages. We realise that out of the several schemes sanctioned by the Government for the benefit of the demobilised, the provision of adequate facilities for the education of their children and dependants is the most important. We are very anxious to have a High School for boys at Shirva to enable us to educate our sons till the S.S.L.C. Class.

Shirva is one of the biggest villages in the Coondapur Division. It is ideally situated and has extensive open grounds and a salubrious climate. It has two flourishing H. E. Schools with about 900 pupils. Within a radius of 5 miles from Manchakal, which is the centre of Shirva and the junction of three important roads, there are 17 elementary schools with 1600 pupils in Sooda, Pilar, Kuntyar and Yelloor villages. There is, therefore, a very great need for a good boys' High School at Shirva to provide secondary education for the boys that pass out in large numbers annually from the aforesaid schools.

We understand that the repeated attempts of the manager of the Don Bosco H. E. School, Shirva, to obtain the sanction to start a boys' High School at Shirva have so far been unsuccessful. We are informed that the only ground on which the educational Department is refusing the necessary sanction is that the opening of a High School at Shirva would adversely affect the High School recently started at Innanje, which is six miles from Manchakal. We cannot send our sons to that High School, as they will have to walk to and from that school a distance of more than 10 miles per day. Our pecuniary means make it impossible for us to keep our sons in the hostels attached to that High School. We learn that only vegetarian diet is provided for in those hostels.

We pray of your committee to represent the aforesaid circumstances to the authorities concerned and prevail on the Director of Public Instructions, Madras, to grant the necessary sanction to start a High School at Shirva from

We beg to remain,
Yours faithfully,

From

Gregory Mathias M/W G.D.E., III No.1071
11th Indian Division
and other military men of Shirva Village,
Udipi Taluk, South Kanara, Shirva P.O.

To

Sir Norman Strathie, K.C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Adviser to His Excellency,
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Respected Sir,

You will kindly remember that during your recent visit our District, myself and another soldier approached you with a copy of our petition signed by 16 of us to the District S.S. A. Board, South Kanara, praying for the recognition of a High School ~~xtxShixxx~~ to our Don Bosco's Higher Elementary School of Shirva Parish Church. You were pleased to grant us an interview and assured us that our prayer would be granted soon.

Sir, we the Roman Catholic Christians of Shirva have contributed all that we could for the final Victory in the shape of money, men and material and our village of Shirva has been outstanding as regards recruitment. In return for the sacrifice we have made, we are not demanding any lands or money help from the Government, but only a necessary sanction for raising our Higher Elementary School to a High School to enable our children to get suitable Higher Education according to Christian rights and privileges. This request of ours will cost nothing to Government

Innanje High School, referred to by us in our above petition is over six miles from Shirva with several hills, forests, fields and streams to be crossed. Particularly during the monsoons, it is impossible for our children to go to Innanje to attend to the school. We have raised also the difficulty of diet for our children at the Innanje school which is managed by Hindus. We, the Indian Christians of South Kanara are accustomed to a different and very much higher standard of food than the vegetarian diet of the local Hindus - a point which has come up more than once before in connection with recruitment.

We earnestly pray that you will be pleased to get us the necessary recognition of a High School for our Don Bosco's Higher Elementary School of Shirva Church, as early as possible.

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Prisoners of War.

1. Sebastian D'Souza, No.G.S.F/1947, Cook E.I.Registered-Aurangabad- Prisoner of war at Malaya.
2. Francis Loko, No.2, B.C.D. A/S.No.86359, Prisoner of War in the hands of Japanese.
3. John Menezes, G.S.F.1948, I.G.S.C. Depot, Aurangabad-Prisoner of war in the hands of Japanese.
4. Mark Menezes, Amb/Sep. No.86464, 22 X-Ray Unit- Prisoner of war in the hands of Japanese.
5. Gregory Mathias, M/W.G.D.E.III No.1071, 11th Indian Division- Prisoner of War in the hands of Japanese.
6. Marcel Pinto, Gefangennummer, 810 Coy. 5B, Prisoner of War at Germany.
7. Sylvester Mathias, No.G.S.F/9783 M/W, Prisoner of war in the hands of Japanese.
8. Gopal Rao, M.S.E.P. Indian Medical Corps, Prisoner of War in the hands of the Japanese.

Died in War.

1. Casmir D'Souza, Kedirii Ismail.
2. Bernard D'Souza, Kedirii Ismail.
3. Louis Pinto, S.S.Rhona.
4. John D'Souza, S.S.Rhona.
5. N/K Ligoury D'Souza, Military Hospital, Kirkee.
6. Sebastian D'Souza, Singapore.

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1. Paul Mathias, O.No.75000, H.M.I.S.Cheitah Trombay, C/O Navy Officer.
2. Felix D'Souza, H.M.S.Adria, C/o British Fleet Mail.
3. Casmir Fernandes No.36523, Changon, British Cargo.
4. Albert D'Souza H.O.76266, H.M.I.S.Vendu Rathi, C/O Naval Office, Cochin.
5. Nicholas Castelino, A.A.I.C.C., Saudi Arabia, Persian Gulf.
6. Chandu No.60683, O.C.W.O.S.I.T., I.A.M.C.Deolali South.
7. Gregory Saldanha, Al.Sep.No.70892, 7 Ind.H.Fd.Armt. C/O 17 A.B.P.O.
8. Andrew Silva No.74019 L.C.B.T., C.Battalion, I.G.S.C. Platine Depot, Aurangabad.
9. Edward Daniel No.805456, 4 M.T.P.Center, Kampti.
10. Felix Gomes, 69/00 F.D.Bky.Sec., 109 Ind. Sy.Coy., S.E.A.C.
11. Ignatius Sequeira, No.1016 W/W, 14th Dn. 11th Sikh Reg. C/O Army Post Office, Chindwara.

12. Casmir Gomes, R.A.F.Camp Dorli, No.6 Cook House Bombay 18.

13. A.Mendonca C.No.75878, H.M.I.S.Lawrence, C/O British Fleet Mail, Bombay..

14. Shama Poojary No.47819, 33/12 I.H.A.A.Batt.A.Troop C/O 22 A.B.P.O. India.

15. A.Mendonca, Stock Control Section, Indian E.S.T.Depot, Kandoilu Borila, Bombay.

16. John Pinto, Armour No.14929, Section No.1 Plat No.4. BattNo.1 No.1 I.E.M.E. Training Centre, Jubbalpore.

17. Piad Lobo, R.A.F. Valkadio Royal Fleet, Oil Tanker C/O Shipping Office.

18. Santhan Mendonca, Aroma, C/O British Fleet Mail, Bombay.

19. Alvaris Silva W/W No.167596 I.A.M.C., 39 I.B.H.C. C/O 12 A.B.P.O India.

37. Gopal Rao, M.S.E.P., Headquarters, Indian Medical Corps, Poona. (Prisoner of War.)

38. Marcel Menezes, R.A.F.Camp Worli, No.3 Cook House, Bombay.

39. Ladru D'Souza. No.120213. C/O Asst.Shipping Master, Bombay.

62. G.C.Mathias, H.M.S.Cherkara, C/O British Fleet Mail.

63. George Mendonca, C/O Mr.Donalson, S.S.Marella, Burns Philip Line, Australia.

64. Philip Castelino, No.8533, A.A.C.U., Bahrain, Persian Gulf.

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66. Albert Castelino, 281937-Fitter. No.254 I.P.C.Coy. I.E., C/O 13 A.B.P.O. India

89. Jerome D'Souza, S.S.Khedivi Ismail. B.I.S.N.Co.. C/O Sea Transport Office Bombay.

90. J.Dias.,. 74662 (R.I.N.) Lower Dysentry Ward, Indian Military Hospital, Alipore (Calutta).

112. Louis Barboza A/Sep. No.86712 No.22, Indian Field Ambulance, C/O 21 A.P.O.

113. Louis Martis, No.31649 Section Hospital, Manmad.

114. Denis Lobo W/W No.7810, 29 Reinforcement Camp, No.7 Sec. C/O No.12 A.P.O.

136. A.S.D'Souza, O.No.5771, H.M.I.S.Cauvery, C/O C.F.M.D.O., Ballard Estate, Bombay

137. L/N.R.Peter Quodros, S.I.R.776273, 215 D.D. Pai Force.

138. Marcel Rodrigues No.13788, H.M.I.S.Himalaya Manora, Karachi.

139. Jerome Dias O.No.74662, H.M.I.S.Hoogly, C/O Naval Office, Calcutta.

140. Michael Dias, P.O.Box No.2, C/O B.F.M. Office, Trincomalee, Ceylon.

162. Mingel D'Souza, S.S.Ranchi, C/O G.P.O., London.

163 Jacob Souza, S.S.Ranchi, C/O G.P.O., London.

164. Sebastian Monis (Prisoner) in Japan.

165. Manuel Correa, I.M.D/22391 A.C.2, Royal Air Force Station, 30 I.M.E., India.

166. Casmir Mathias F/O No.64 M/W, 10 Baluch Regimental Centre, Karachi.

Forwarded to the Secretary, the Provincial Sailors Soldiers and Workmans Board, Madras

2. The petition deserves favourable consideration

C.No. H1079-B1/46. E.&P.H (B1) Dept.

23/8 — Schools/Opening of a High School — Secondary - South Kanara

— Schools/Opening of a High School at Shirva - Representations from certain residents of the village.

pp 1-11 cf Petition From the villagers of Shirva, Dt Nil

Ref. rec'd from the DPI's office. From the Secy, Madras Prest. Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmens' Board, Madras, No. 66 N/B1/M.P(dated 24.7.46.

Memo No H1079-B1/46-1 EDN dated 3/8/46. Forwarded to the DPI. for remarks.

3/8 Received 5.8.46

To The DPI. (with encls) for rec'd. with report.

pp 1-16 cf.

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note Please see the DPI's letter on p 18 cf of Mem

DPM 2/8/46

No 3278 BS/46-4 Edn dt 18.5.46 bd Permission for the opening of a middle school has already been given. What is now wanted is a separate high school for the Nomans of Shirwa. The remarks of the D.E.I may be obtained

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction, M a d r a s.
Dr. S.R.U. Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

R.O.C.No. 1705-D3/46. Dated 17th September, 1946.

S u b j e c t.

RECOGNITION--Secondary Schools--Opening of a Secondary School for boys at Shirva--South Kanara District--Appeal by Catholics--Remarks offered.

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Reference:- U.O P I N F

Government Endorsement No.41,174 B1/46 dated 1.8.1946 and Government Memorandum 41079-B1/46 dated 3.8.1946.

SPL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 23 SEP 1946

Resubmitted.

The Catholic Board of Education, Mangalore proposed to open a Middle School at Shirva in September 1942 when it was too late even for consideration, the school year having commenced in June 1942. In February 1943 when the proposal came up for reconsideration the inspecting officers held that the establishment of a school at Shirva would detrimentally affect the school at neighbouring Innanje, which had just ~~k~~ then been established and hence the permission sought for was, after consideration, refused. Permission was however granted for the opening of a secondary school for girls at Shirva under the management of Very Rev. H. Gonsalves.

3. Very Rev.H.Gonsalves renewed the request for the opening of a secondary Boys school at Shirva repeatedly. The inspecting officers continued to hold the same view as before. The proposal was turned down in 1944.

4. In September 1945 the Nadava Vidya Vardaka Sangha, a registered organisation of the Bunts, who form an influential and numerically a very large part of population of the area, requested, for the first occasion permission to open a secondary school. Their request was based on the contention that the schools organised by the R.C.Mission management being mostly of academic type, they did not care very much for these and that they would like to organise classes in Agriculture, Horticulture etc. as being more suited to the needs of their community and the country. In January following a proposal was received for a middle school at Shirva, this time from the villagers themselves. There was no suggestion that the school should be denominational; on the other hand it was signed by people of all denominations.

5. I felt that it would be the correct thing to review the whole situation in the light of these requests and the insistent demand for additional facilities for secondary education. It seemed to me that every encouragement should be shown when rich but hitherto backward and uninterested communities were prepared to undertake educational work, especially when there was a chance of a ~~xxx~~ non-denominational institution coming into existence, which could cater for all the communities. In these circumstances, I reserved the investigation of the question for myself and held a personal investigation in April 1946. My conclusions are recorded in a note dated 22.4.1946 as follows:-

"The Parish Priest has started a girls' secondary school in addition to the Higher Elementary School for boys and it is found that the classes of the secondary school are held in the

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Elementary school building. The strength of Forms I, II and III, are 6 plus 2; 13 plus 3; 8 plus 1 and the number of girls in the VI, VII and VIII standards of the Elementary school are 41,10 and 4. Naturally when there is a large number of girls in the VI Standard of the Boys Higher Elementary school it is not possible for the Girls' Secondary school to have much strength whereas if the girls in the higher standards of the boys elementary schools are transferred to th the secondary school, the secondary school will have a good strength and it should be possible to run the girls' secondary school efficiently provided there is proper accommodation and all the members of the staff are trained women. So far as the admission of boys into the girls school is concerned, the admission of boys without restriction into the girls school cannot be permitted. It was learnt at the time when I visited the school that only 12 boys over 12 years of age had to leave the school. From this it is clear that this school cannot be successful even if converted into a boys' school. So the management may be required to shift the girls' middle school to a seperate building away from the Elementary School building.

"As regards the other proposal of the Bunts, I entirely agree with the District Educational Officer and the Divisional Inspector that in view of the fact (1) that the Bunts are a very influential community of the District (2) that this is the first time they have come forward to open a High School in the District, (3) that the Hindu population within a radius of 3 miles from Shirva is 15,346 as against 4,127 Catholics and (4) there appears to be some disinclination on the part of the Hindu parents to send their children to the Catholic school which is located in a building adjoining the church, the Bunt school may be allowed to open the first three forms provided that the building is put up at an early date on the 20 acres of land they have secured and that an endowment of atleast Rs. 20,000/- is conveyed to the registered management in the name of the school. The question of starting IV Form will be considered only after these things have become accomplished facts and the management has made arrangements for the building of the rooms necessary for Forms IV, V and VI and laboratory, library, etc."

Under such circumstances, the Bunts were permitted to open the Middle school in Proceedings R.C.77-D/46 dated 2.5.1946 and a report was submitted to Government in my letter Roc.No.77-D/46 dated 2.5.1946 in regard to the above decision in reply to their note dated 17.1.1946. p.n.s.(U)

6. It may not be out of place to mention in this connection that the Department has in general been favourable to the growth in the number of catholic schools in the District. During the last 17 years (1929-to 1946) the numbers of Elementary as well as Secondary schools under Catholic management in South Kanara have increased considerably; even in respect of secondary schools the catholic schools form a good percentage of the total number of schools.

	1929	1945	Percentage of increase.
R.C. Schools	8	16	100%
Total of all schools.	28	47	68%

In the case of Shirva, the request of the Catholic management was negatived on valid reasons stated above and as my note of 22.4.46 shows, if the girls school did not thrive, the management has to bear the responsibility for the same, by its bad organisation. G.O.No. 104 Misc. dated 15.1.1929 referred to by the petitioners does not apply to secondary schools.

At the same time, I am anxious not to stand in the way of

the Catholics organising a good school if they are prepared to do so and so when Mr.Pais B.A.,B.L., M.L.A., interviewed me last month, he was informed that if the management makes arrangements for a separate building for the secondary school (the Secondary School for girls and the Higher Elementary schools for boys are now located in the same building),has trained staff and necessary equipment, the question of conversion of the Girls' Secondary school into a Boys' Middle School under the Catholic Management would be considered for the school year 1947-48. The Nadava Vidya Vardaka Sangha has already been assured that it will be allowed to have a High School if it puts up adequate and suitable building to house all the classes, library, laboratory,etc. There may not be scope at present for the successful working of 2 High Schools in the locality. If however, later on, there is scope for 2 high schools, the question of allowing the catholics to raise their middle school into a high school may be considered.

For Director of Public Instruction.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Secy., E. & P.H.

A deputation consisting of Mr. U. Kannappa, ex-Dist. Educational Officer, and another met me on the 19th inst. with reference to the Shirva school. They made certain astounding propositions which I certainly cannot accept. He said that Christian boys should not be allowed to be sent to non-Christi schools and such schools will not bring them up in a good mora life. I most emphatically reject that argument. It is a slur caused upon non-Christian institutions and I am surprised that an ex-D.E.O. should come forward with such an argument.

I do not mind their asking for permission for another school, ~~and recommending another school for technician~~ but to have it supported by such arguments really spoils the ~~in own~~ ground on which they put their case. The Shirva parish seems to be conducting a Girls school and since ~~it~~ they do not want to admit boys under Hindu managements, they want to admit boys in that Girls school. I understand, till 12 years of age, i.e., in the elementary stages such mixed schools are allowed under the rules ~~and in that circumstance, I do not see any reason why this should not be allowed~~. In the post-elementary stages also, I understand that the present rules allow admission of boys under certain restrictions. If they are so anxious, I think that may also be allowed under the prescribed restrictions.

In any case, the D.P.I's opinion may be invited on the matter.

TSA
25-7-46
E&P.H. Dept. (B1)

Please see the remarks of H.N. (Edn.) above. The file may be sent to D.P.I. U.O. for remarks

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D.P.I. 14.8.46

From the DP I R.O.C No 1705 . 87/46 dt 17-9-46 pp 66-68 cf

Please see the Directors reply on pp 65-67 cf. He is of opinion that the admission of boys without restriction into the girls school (at Shiswa) should not be permitted and that as both the secondary school for girls and the higher elementary school for boys are now located in the same building, the girls school should be shifted to a separate building away from the Elementary school building He has informed the Catholic Management that if it secures a separate building for the Secondary School and has trained staff & necessary equipment, the question of converting the Girls Secondary school into a Boys Middle School would be considered for the school year 1947-8. The DI is of opinion that the question of converting the middle school into a high school may be considered later on & that there is no need for two high schools at present. It seems therefore that no action is called for on the reference

Sent Through from Mr L.C Pars on pp 1-11 cf

The file may be circulated to HM with reference to his minute on page 1

USK
24-9-46 on page 1 ante

With reference to paragraph 2 of H.M Minute it may be stated that the position in regard the admission of boys into girls schools is as follows

Elementary Schools :-

These schools will be open to ~~the~~ boys and girls alike, except those girls' schools where the Inspectress considers the presence of boys or boys above a certain age undesirable (Rule 70 of the Madras Educational Rules).

Secondary Schools :-

Girls may be freely admitted ~~with~~ into

boys schools but boys should not be admitted into girls schools without the approval of the Inspectress(Rule 33 Madras Educational Rules).

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Letter from
Dpa GIN°
1830 Stee (X) A
7-11-46

It has been ascertained from the D.P.I.'s office that the Director has issued instructions that only boys below the age of 12 should be admitted into girls' schools.

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In the Shiva school also the D.P.I. may be asked to permit boys within the prescribed age limits. H.D (Edn)

TSR
4-10-46

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Please see the orders of R.M. Edn. above.

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According to Rule 33 of the Madras Educational ~~Service~~ Rules boys are being admitted into girls' schools with the approval of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools. The DPI has also issued instructions that only boys below the age of 12 should be admitted into girls' schools. In the circumstances it does not seem necessary to ask the Director to permit boys within the prescribed age limit in Shiva School as they will automatically be admitted if they seek admission.

Please see A al c.

2. The file may be circulated to H.M. Education for orders. From 'Q' on p 626 it will be seen that boys below [illegible] are actually being admitted into the school.

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JRM
14/10/46

There is nothing more need be done

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E&PH(B1) Dept.

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Please the minute of 1+M(Edn) on p 3 ante.
The papers may be recorded

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21/10/46

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Opening of a High
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Representation from
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of the village
Papers - Recorded.

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